

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to perfect the claim of priority and to incorporate SEQ ID NO identification numbers in order to comply with the rules governing sequence listings. No new matter has been introduced by the instant amendment.

The office action has indicated that the paper copy of the sequence listing is not the same as the computer readable form of the sequence listing because the paper copy contains 94 sequences and the computer readable form contains 140 sequences. In reviewing the file history of the parent application (USSN 08/776,971), applicants note that additional sequences present in the specification were incorporated into the sequence listing after the initial application was filed.

Thus, the attached paper copy filed May 8, 2000 in the parent application corresponds to the computer readable form of the sequence listing currently on file with the Patent Office. The Examiner's attention is also directed to the Sequence Listing Transmittal which accompanies this submission.

The paragraph indicating copending applications has been amended to indicate that the parent application was a §371 national stage application of copending PCT application PCT/JP96/03821.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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